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OR ESTER AND AT LEAST ONE NON-IONIC SURFACTANT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of this application, applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-36.

Please add new claims 37-68.

An adjuvant composition comprising (a) polyoxyethylene alkyl ether or ester of general 37. formula (I):

 $HO(CH_2CH_2O)_n$ -A-R

wherein, n is 1-50, A is a bond or -C(O)-, R is C₁₋₅₀ alkyl or Phenyl C₁₋₅₀ alkyl; and (b) at least one additional non-ionic surfactant.

- 38. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 37, wherein said additional non-ionic surfactant is an Octoxynol.
- 39. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 38, wherein said Octoxynol is toctylphenoxypolyethoxyethanol (TRITON X100™).